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In re Application of
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Application No. 09/812,705
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For: PALM OFFICE ASSISTANTS

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed July 16, 2001, to make the above-identified application special pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 708.02 (VIII).

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII, an application may be granted special status provided that the applicant complies with each of the following items: (a) submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i); (b) presents all claims are directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status; (c) submits a statement(s) that a pre-examination search was made, listing of the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, database search with the search terms used, etc.; (d) submits one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (e) submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

The present petition does not include item (d) as set forth above.

As to item (d), applicant has failed to include a copy of each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record. It is noted that the petition states that a copy of the references is enclosed. A search of the official file, however, reveals that the references are not contained therein. Applicant should submit the required references with a request for reconsideration.

Accordingly, the petition is **DENIED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the date of this decision.

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